



# *The Veterans' Six*

*The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly  
Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every  
Justice Involved Veteran*

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# Upcoming Veteran Court Events

## **Wreaths**

In Honor of our fallen Veterans the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court will be helping with maintaining the holiday wreaths at the Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10:00am



## **January VTC Graduation**

The next LHC VTC Graduation will be held on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

All Veterans, their friends and family, and Veterans agencies are invited to attend.





# Local Veteran Events

The LHC Veterans Treatment Court would like to thank all of you, as well as the multiple agencies and members of the Veterans Resource Team, for your continued support of the Veterans in our program.



The Havasu Stingrays donated Smith's gift cards to four Veterans in our program.

On behalf of the VRT, the Marine Corps League accepted donations from Veterans Thrift, Havasu Classic Car Club, and Vietnam Veterans ??? for alcohol and drug testing for Veterans who would otherwise not be able to afford this service.





# The Graduate Review Board

## Graduate

Thomas Blanton

## Branch of Service



*This We'll Defend*

## VTC Graduation Date:

November 12, 2015

## VTC Experience:

First, I would like to thank Judge Kalauli and his staff for all their help during my 7 months in this program. I will admit that I was apprehensive of this program initially, but it did not take long to realize that they honestly had helping Veterans in mind.

To all the Vets currently in this program, I would ask you to embrace it and follow their lead. You will not be disappointed. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Blanton  
U.S. Army (Retired)

# Kingman Vet Court

## **Upcoming Veterans Court Dates**

### **Kingman Municipal Court**

#### Veterans Treatment Court

December 21, 2016 at 1:30pm

Graduation of 2 Justice Involved Veterans

#### Veterans Resource Team

December 14, 2016 at 12:00pm

### **Kingman Mentor Corps**

The mission of VTC Mentors is to serve their Justice Involved Veterans by being a source of positivity, moral support, and guidance as they work toward successfully completing the VTC program.

If you, or any Veteran you know, is interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact:

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# Benefits and Service Sector

## Spotlight On: Center for Women Veterans

Established by Congress in November 1994, the mission of the Center for Women Veterans is to:

**Monitor and coordinate VA's administration of health care and benefits services, and programs for women Veterans.**

**Serve as an advocate for a cultural transformation (both within VA and in the general public) in recognizing the service and contributions of women Veterans and women in the military.**

**Raise awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect.**

Although women have served in every war since the Revolutionary War (see below), “women frequently report that they feel invisible as Veterans, both within and outside VA.”

Focused specifically on health care and other benefits available to women Veterans and the issues and challenges they face, the Center for Women Veterans is a great resource for women Veterans.

You can call the Center for Women Veterans at 855-VA-WOMEN or visit <http://www.va.gov/womenvet/cwv/index.asp> for more information.

### Deborah Sampson: Revolutionary War Combat Veteran

In 1781, at the age of 21 and disguised as a man, Deborah Sampson enlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment during the Revolutionary War under the name Robert Shurtliff. Sampson was wounded in battle twice: shot through the thigh during a battle in 1781 (she removed the bullet herself) and shot again through the shoulder 4 months later. Sampson's true identity wasn't discovered until 1783, when she was hospitalized with a fever. After several years of campaigning, Deborah Sampson was awarded a pension in 1805 and a general service pension in 1821 for her service in the Continental Army.

Source: <http://historyofmassachusetts.org/deborah-sampson-woman-warrior-of-the-american-revolution/>



# This Month in U.S. Military History

## Pearl Harbor



“December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy,” proclaimed President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during his *Day of Infamy* speech, given the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked.



Ford Island before the attack.



“Just before 8 a.m. on December 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, Hawaii. The barrage lasted just two hours, but it was devastating: The Japanese managed to destroy nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight enormous battleships, and more than 300 airplanes. More than 2,000 Americans soldiers and sailors died in the attack, and another 1,000 were wounded. The day after the assault, President Franklin D.

Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan; Congress approved his declaration with just one dissenting vote. Three days later, Japanese allies Germany and Italy also declared war on the United States, and again Congress reciprocated. More than two years into the conflict, America had finally joined World War II.”

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/pearl-harbor>

### USS *Arizona* Memorial

“Designed by Honolulu architect Alfred Preis, the USS *Arizona* Memorial was built in 1962 on top of (but not touching) the sunken Battleship USS *Arizona*. The USS *Arizona* was bombed on December 7, 1941, about 15 minutes into the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, killing 1,177 sailors and Marines on board. Today she rests where she fell, just off the coast of Ford Island. The memorial honors the memory of the crew of the USS *Arizona*, as well as all the other service members and civilians who died during the attack.”

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/valr/faqs.htm>





# Judge K's Corner

In the spirit of the season, we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spreading Holiday Cheer event. This event gave our Veterans (and their families) the opportunity to give back to the community by making holiday cards for those who may not receive any.

—Judge Kalauli



## **Bring Support To Veterans Court**

Family and Friends are always welcome at our Veterans Treatment Court Hearings. We firmly believe it is their involvement that helps with the recovery process.

To encourage Family and Friends involvement, for every one person a Justice Involved Veteran brings to court, they will receive a ticket to be placed into a raffle.

## **Recruiting Mentors**

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!!!

**January 18, 2017 at 1:00pm**  
**City Council Chambers**

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